Research on dry and agriculture

2103. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether for a permanent solution for drought-hit areas of the country any dry land agriculture is carried out in the different agro-research institutions in the States;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) whether findings emanated from dry land agricultural research carried out have been adopted by the farmers in any considerable proportion in drought prone areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Researches have provided improved Dry Farming technologies suited to different agro-climatic regions of the country. These technologies have defined optimum cropping intensity, suitable varieties, appropriate land treatment for moisture conservation, water harvesting, fertilizer schedules, improved agricultural implements and range land management practices.

(c) Yes, Sir. The research findings of the Dry land Agriculture Research are being transmitted to the farming community continuously through various measures such as (1) through the extension personnel of Department of Agriculture in the States (2) National Demonstration (3) Krishi Vigyan Kendras (4) Operational Research Projects (5) Lab to Land Programmes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and (6) Model Watershed Projects and through special programmes like drought prone area programmes and Desert Development programmes.

प्रधान मंत्री की हाल की विदेश यात्राओं के दौरान उन के साथ गए हिन्दी पत्रकार

2104. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रधान मंत्री की हाल की विदेश यात्राओं के दौरान उनके साथ गए हिन्दी पत्रकारों के नाम क्या हैं और उन्होंने हिन्दी जगत के समक्ष इन यात्राओं का विवरण किस प्रकार प्रस्तुत किया तथा दौरों से प्राप्त परिणामों का प्रचार किस प्रकार किया ; और

(ख) विदेशों में रहने वाले लोगों को भारत की समृद्ध सांस्कृतिक विरासत और आर्थिक प्रगति की जानकारी देने के लिए प्रधान मंत्री की इन यात्राओं के दौरान क्या व्यवस्था की गई थी ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) प्रधान मंत्री की हाल ही की विदेश यात्राओं के दौरान निम्नलिखित हिन्दी पत्रकार उनके साथ गये थे :—

1. श्री शरद द्विवेदी—पी० टी० आई० भाषा
2. श्री एम०के०सथाय—यूनिवार्ता।
3. श्री केदार नाथ शर्मा—नवजीवन।
4. श्री राजेन्द्र माथुर—नव भारत टाइम्स।
5. श्री आर० अवस्थी—साप्ताहिक हिन्दुस्तान।
6. श्री जी० सी० चावला—पंजाब केसरी।
7. श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन—जागरण।
8. श्री उदयन शर्मा—रविवार।
9. श्रीमती मनुहारी पाठक—नवज्योति।

इन पत्रकारों ने इन यात्राओं का काफी विस्तृत ब्यौरा दिया है।

(ख) लचीले और स्पन्दनशील भारत की छवि और इसकी महान सांस्कृतिक

विशेषताओं को प्रतिबिम्बित करने के लिए विदेशों में प्रचार एक निरंतर प्रक्रिया है। वांछित लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति के लिए विदेशों में स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों के माध्यम से मुद्रित और श्रव्य-दृश्य सामग्री का व्यापक प्रसार करने के लिए विभिन्न तरीकों का प्रयोग किया जाता है।

Allotment of cement

2105. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allotment of cement to O.R.C. (other than Rate contract category) is being encouraged by the Food and Supply Department of Delhi Administration whereas no encouragement is being given to the Delhi Cooperative Labour and Consumer Society Limited;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of any encouragement Delhi Cooperative Labour and Consumer Society Limited has been incurring heavy losses for the last one year;

(c) whether handicapped and blind persons are the members of the said society;

(d) whether Government propose to provide any relief or encouragement to the aforesaid society; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Delhi Administration has denied this.

(b) and (c) The Food, Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department of Delhi Administration has no information in the matter.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Annual growth rate of agricultural produce

2106. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual compound rate of growth of agricultural production, foodgrain production rice production and wheat production separately in the whole country, in each zone and in West Bengal during the last three years;

(b) what is the anticipated growth rate during 1987-88; and

(c) what was the buffer stock of food-grains with the Central Government during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Annexure-I gives the figures of production of principal crops, including rice, wheat and foodgrains, State-wise for the years 1983-84 and 1985-86. along with the annual compound growth rates. [*See* Appendix CXLIV. Annexure No. 92] The estimates for the crop year 1986-87 are under finalisation. Firm estimates of production of kharif crops for the crop year 1987-88 are not yet due. In respect of rabi crops for 1987-88, the sowings are still continuing in some States. It is, therefore, too early to indicate the anticipated growth rate of production during 1987-88.

(c) Annexure-II gives the stock position of foodgrains with Public Agencies as on 1st October during the past four years. [*See* Appendix CXLIV. Annexure No. 93]

Central Assistance for Natural Calamity in Punjab

2107. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drought-relief committee in Punjab have urged the